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TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA
(DATA PERSONS IN THOUSANDS)

RESIDENT DATA*	NOVEMBER 1985	OCTOBER 1985	NOVEMBER 1984
UNADJUSTED DATA			
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	5,527	5,655	5,532
EMPLOYMENT	5,109	5,237	5,111
UNEMPLOYMENT	418	418	421
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	7.6	7.4	7.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA			
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	5,527	5,553	5,532
EMPLOYMENT	5,113	5,251	5,111
UNEMPLOYMENT	414	402	421
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	7.5	7.2	7.6

NOVEMBER EMPLOYMENT DROPS BY 128,000; UNEMPLOYMENT UP BY 18,000

The number of Pennsylvania residents working in November was 5,109,000, not seasonally adjusted; a decrease of 128,000 from October and 28,000 below November a year ago. The November total was the eighth consecutive month employment exceeded 5 million breaking the previous mark of seven consecutive months (June-December) set in 1984. The number unemployed during the month increased by 18,000 to 418,000 and pushed the unemployment rate up 0.5 of a percentage point to 7.6 percent.

Adjusted for seasonality, total employment still exhibited a loss during the month, of 138,000, to an even 5 million. The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate climbed to 8.0 percent from 7.7 percent in October, a full percentage point higher than the national rate of 7.0 percent.

In November, seasonally adjusted unemployment in the United States edged downward by 151,000 to 8,140,000 persons. After a sharp increase in October, the civilian labor force held steady in November, resulting in a lowering of the adjusted unemployment rate to 7.0 percent. Over the year, the country's labor force grew by about 2.0 million to 116.1 million. Employment throughout the nation rose fractionally to reach 107.9 million.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT GAINS 12,000 JOBS TO REACH 4,800,800; RETAIL TRADE EMPLOYMENT INCREASES BY 14,200

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 12,000 over October, to 4,800,800, the fourth consecutive monthly increase. The November employment level is 70,900 higher than the year-ago figure. Nonmanufacturing industries accounted for all of the job development, expanding by 15,300 since October with retail trade establishments and local government offices accounting for the majority of the additional jobs reported in November. Manufacturing industries in the State continue to reduce their employment levels as the number of workers employed in November fell by 2,900, to reach 1,068,100.

NONMANUFACTURING JOBS. Employment in the Commonwealth's nonmanufacturing industries increased by 15,300 over October and established the third straight monthly record level for this job category. In November, retail trade employment rose by 14,200 to set a new all-time high of 833,300 jobs. General merchandise stores (especially department stores) contributed to this rise, prolonging this positive trend for the eighth straight month. Local government offices reported an increase in 6,800 jobs this month as local educational facilities continued their hiring trends. The service industries, which set a new high for the ninth consecutive month, had modest gains of 1,500 in November after two monthly gains of over 7,500.

MANUFACTURING JOBS. Manufacturing employment throughout the state fell by 2,900 since October for a loss of 48,400 industrial jobs compared to November last year. Increases in manufacturing occupations were reported in two of the last twelve months, June and August, 4,700 and 4,300, respectively. The November job level in plants and factories was 1,068,100.

DURABLE GOODS employment dropped by 3,100 in November to total 609,500. Primary metals jobs declined for the fifth consecutive month from 108,500 in June to 100,400. Electrical machinery had 1,000 less jobs than October while small employment gains occurred in transportation equipment, instruments, and miscellaneous manufactures.

NONDURABLE GOODS employment increased marginally in November after two prior monthly reductions. The 458,600 jobs detailed in the establishment survey was 15,600 lower than the November 1984 quantity. Publishing and printing, which was previously affected by labor-menegement disputes, regained 3,900 jobs and set a new employment record level of 75,600.

AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY EARNINGS SET NEW RECORDS

Average hourly earnings of production or nonsupervisory workers on private nonagricultural payrolls rose to $ 9.65 in November, beating the old record average figure of $ 9.58 set in June 1985. Weekly hours increased from 40.0 to 40.3 and average weekly earnings mounted to $ 388.90, an all-time high.

MANUFACTURING AND SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRY DETAIL
FOR NOVEMBER 1985, OCTOBER 1985, AND NOVEMBER 1984

ESTABLISHMENT DATA*	(Employment in thousands)			NET CHANGE		PRODUCTION WORKER AVERAGES: HOURS AND EARNINGS								
						AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	NOV 1985 P/	OCT 1985	NOV 1984	OCT 1985	NOV 1984	NOV 1985 P/	OCT 1985	NOV 1984	NOV 1985 P/	OCT 1985	NOV 1984	NOV 1985 P/	OCT 1985	NOV 1984
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY	4808.8	4794.8	4731.9	12.8	76.5									
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	1668.1	1671.8	1714.5	-2.9	-39.4	388.93	392.88	385.41	40.9	41.2	40.4	9.55	9.57	9.47
DURABLE GOODS	889.5	892.4	942.8	-4.1	-51.6	432.8	429.16	434.78	41.3	41.0	40.9	10.46	10.37	10.35
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	24.6	24.8	25.3	-0.2	-1.4	291.28	295.63	283.52	37.1	37.4	37.1	7.85	7.86	7.60
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	28.5	28.6	28.8	-0.1	-0.3	329.57	338.65	326.40	39.9	40.9	40.0	8.26	8.28	8.06
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODS	46.9	47.2	49.3	-0.3	-2.4	431.64	428.83	424.56	42.4	42.1	41.7	10.18	10.09	10.06
PRIMARY METALS	103.9	101.5	110.1	1.1	-6.1	483.00	492.95	488.30	41.1	41.9	40.5	12.26	12.23	11.97
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	90.3	90.1	91.6	0.2	-1.3	430.56	416.97	414.33	39.2	38.1	38.1	11.15	10.13	9.98
NONELECTRICAL MACHINERY	109.8	110.1	115.4	-0.3	-5.6	450.48	436.89	446.43	40.9	39.9	40.6	11.73	10.63	10.51
ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC MACH	98.1	99.1	109.1	-1.0	-11.0	347.91	380.25	405.84	41.0	43.4	43.1	8.68	9.51	9.63
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	61.1	63.4	63.3	-2.3	-2.2	553.91	573.66	538.79	49.4	50.4	47.5	11.77	11.44	11.86
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PROD	36.7	36.6	37.5	0.1	-0.8	364.02	398.80	381.10	41.6	43.1	41.1	8.75	9.68	9.41
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES	29.5	30.0	30.0	-0.5	-0.5	362.50	380.52	370.45	37.9	38.9	37.9	9.56	9.85	9.80
NONDURABLE GOODS	458.1	458.9	471.8	-0.8	-13.6	351.87	354.40	347.54	39.0	39.4	39.1	8.95	8.97	8.83
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	84.2	83.4	81.8	0.8	2.4	320.96	320.51	311.27	40.3	40.3	40.3	7.98	7.95	7.82
TOBACCO PRODUCTS	2.2	2.2	2.3	0.0	-0.1	435.42	430.24	398.60	45.9	46.4	44.4	9.49	9.26	8.98
TEXTILE PRODUCTS	91.0	91.1	93.3	-0.1	-2.3	296.48	301.63	294.10	39.2	39.8	39.6	7.57	7.58	7.43
APPAREL AND RELATED PRODUCTS	90.3	100.1	113.8	-1.8	-23.5	194.40	196.32	197.72	38.8	39.1	39.8	5.08	5.01	4.96
PAPER PRODUCTS	41.3	41.6	41.5	-0.3	-0.2	401.15	402.49	401.32	43.1	43.1	43.4	9.30	9.34	9.21
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	75.6	75.7	74.7	-0.1	0.9	311.20	319.36	305.01	36.1	36.6	36.1	8.62	8.72	8.45
CHEMICAL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	50.7	50.8	52.6	-0.1	-1.9	398.91	402.93	391.69	40.9	41.4	40.4	9.75	9.73	9.69
PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS	11.5	12.1	12.9	-0.6	-1.4	554.92	553.20	549.18	42.9	42.7	42.1	12.93	12.95	13.04
RUBBER AND PLASTICS PRODUCTS	35.7	35.9	36.4	-0.2	-0.7	377.25	378.53	354.70	38.2	38.0	37.4	9.87	9.96	9.48
LEATHER PRODUCTS	18.9	19.0	18.0	-0.1	0.9	207.90	209.39	198.54	37.0	36.9	36.4	5.62	5.67	5.45
NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	3732.6	3777.1	3621.4	-15.3	111.2									
MINING	36.6	37.6	37.7	-1.0	-1.1									
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	206.2	214.0	190.2	-7.8	16.0									
TRANSPORTATION	146.9	146.2	144.9	0.2	1.1									
PUBLIC UTILITIES	104.3	104.5	106.2	-0.2	-1.9									
COMMUNICATIONS	52.1	52.2	54.4	-0.1	-2.3									
ELECTRIC, GAS AND SANITARY	52.2	52.3	51.8	-0.1	0.4									
WHOLESALE TRADE	260.3	258.8	253.8	1.5	6.5									
RETAIL TRADE	833.3	819.1	816.5	14.2	16.8									
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	138.7	129.9	134.6	8.8	4.1									
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL EST	264.6	264.5	256.6	0.1	8.0									
BANKING	86.6	86.3	83.0	0.3	3.6									
INSURANCE CARRIERS	75.9	75.7	74.5	0.2	1.4									
SERVICE AND MISCELLANEOUS	1193.9	1192.4	1130.0	1.5	63.9									
BUSINESS SERVICES	203.7	201.9	171.9	1.8	31.8									
HEALTH SERVICES	396.0	394.8	377.4	1.2	18.6									
HOSPITALS	219.8	219.5	217.9	0.3	1.9									
LEGAL SERVICES	32.1	31.5	30.9	0.6	1.2									
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	145.3	141.0	141.4	4.3	3.9									
SOCIAL SERVICES	70.2	69.7	68.1	0.5	2.1									
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	51.9	51.7	49.0	0.2	2.9									
GOVERNMENT	687.2	680.0	683.5	7.2	3.7									
FEDERAL	134.2	133.8	133.7	0.4	0.5									
STATE	154.1	153.9	154.8	0.2	-0.7									
LOCAL	398.9	392.3	395.0	6.6	3.9									
PERSONS IN LABOR-MGMT DISPUTES	8.3	8.7	5.5	-0.4	2.8									

FOOTNOTES:

* Resident Data are workers by place of residence. They include wage and salary workers, self-employed and unpaid family workers and persons involved in labor-management disputes.

* Establishment Data are estimates of jobs by place of work. Persons involved in labor-management disputes are not included.

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment are benchmarked to first quarter 1984.

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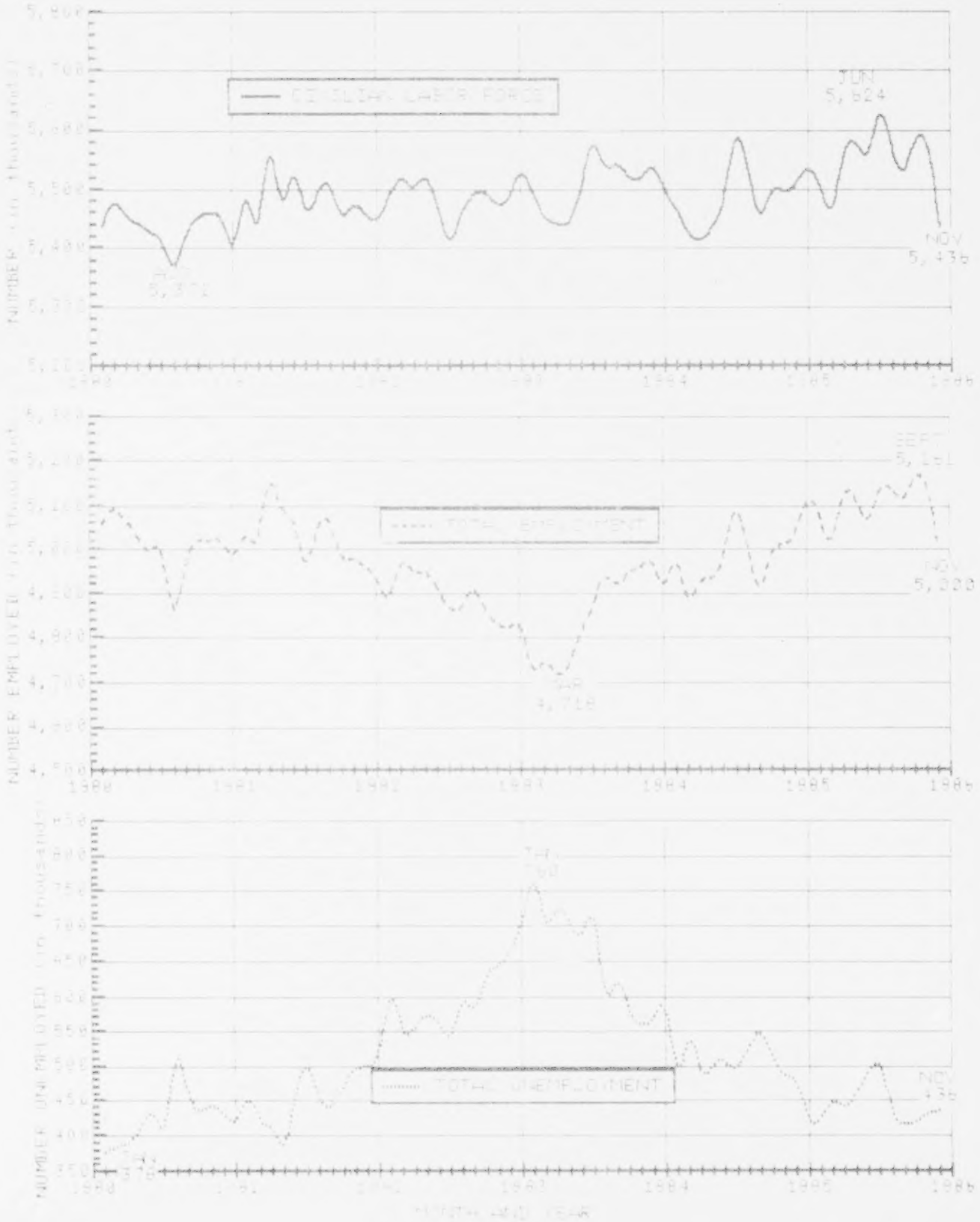

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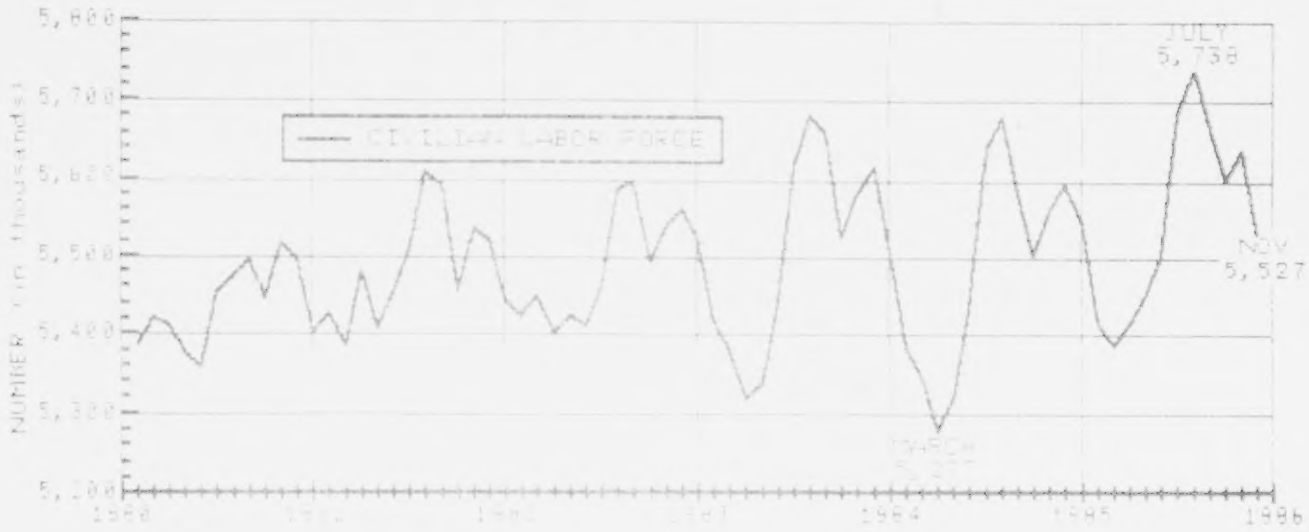

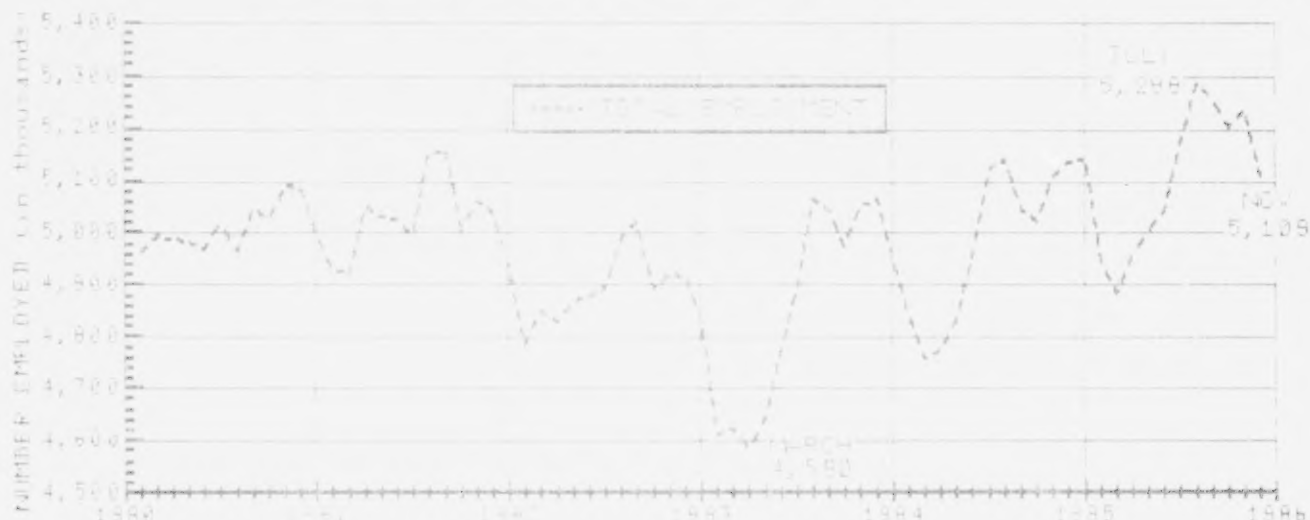

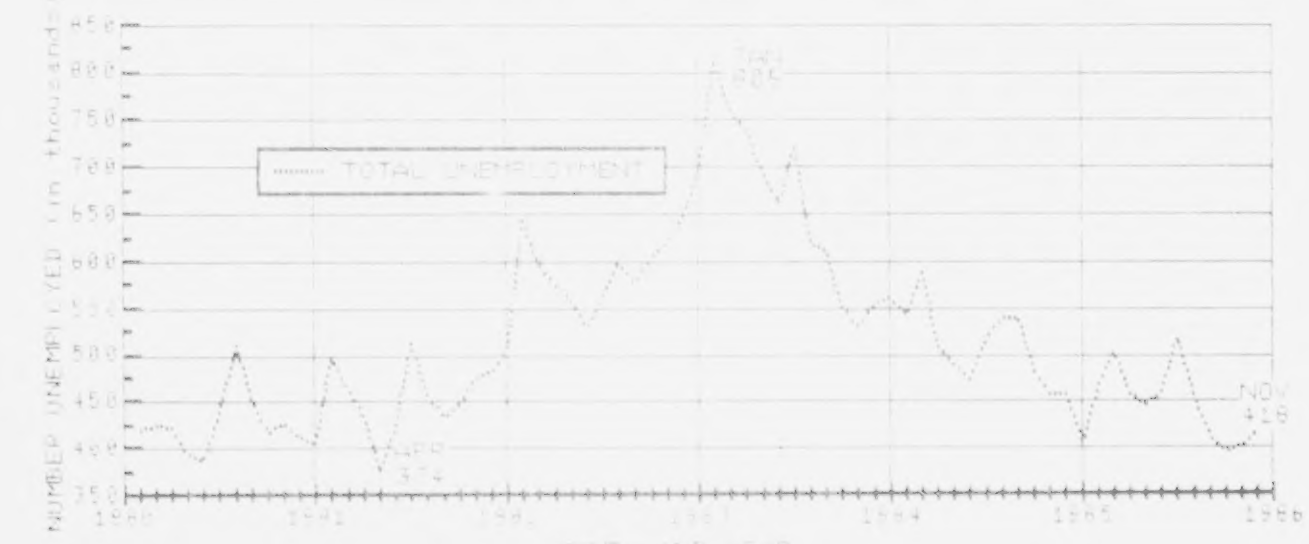

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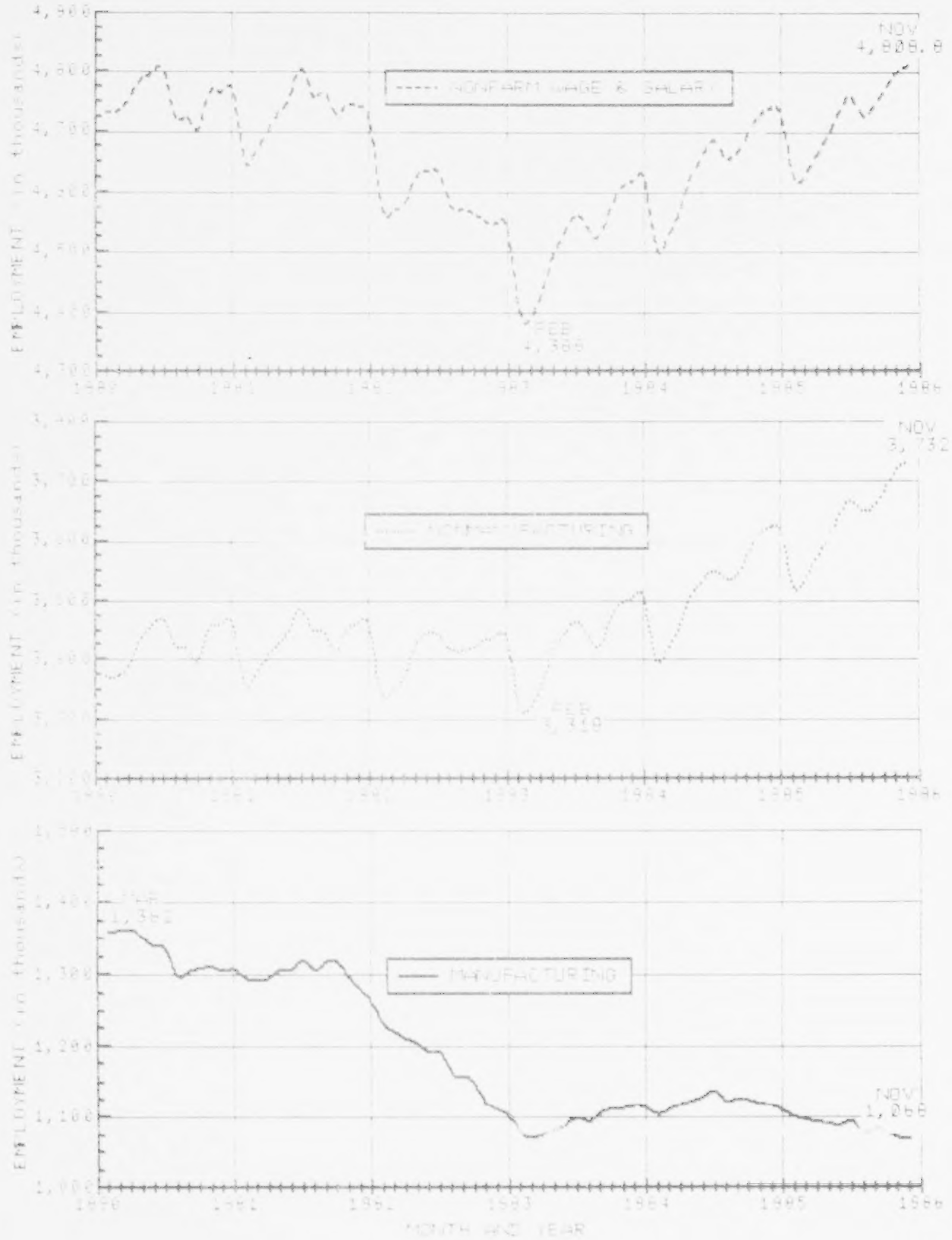

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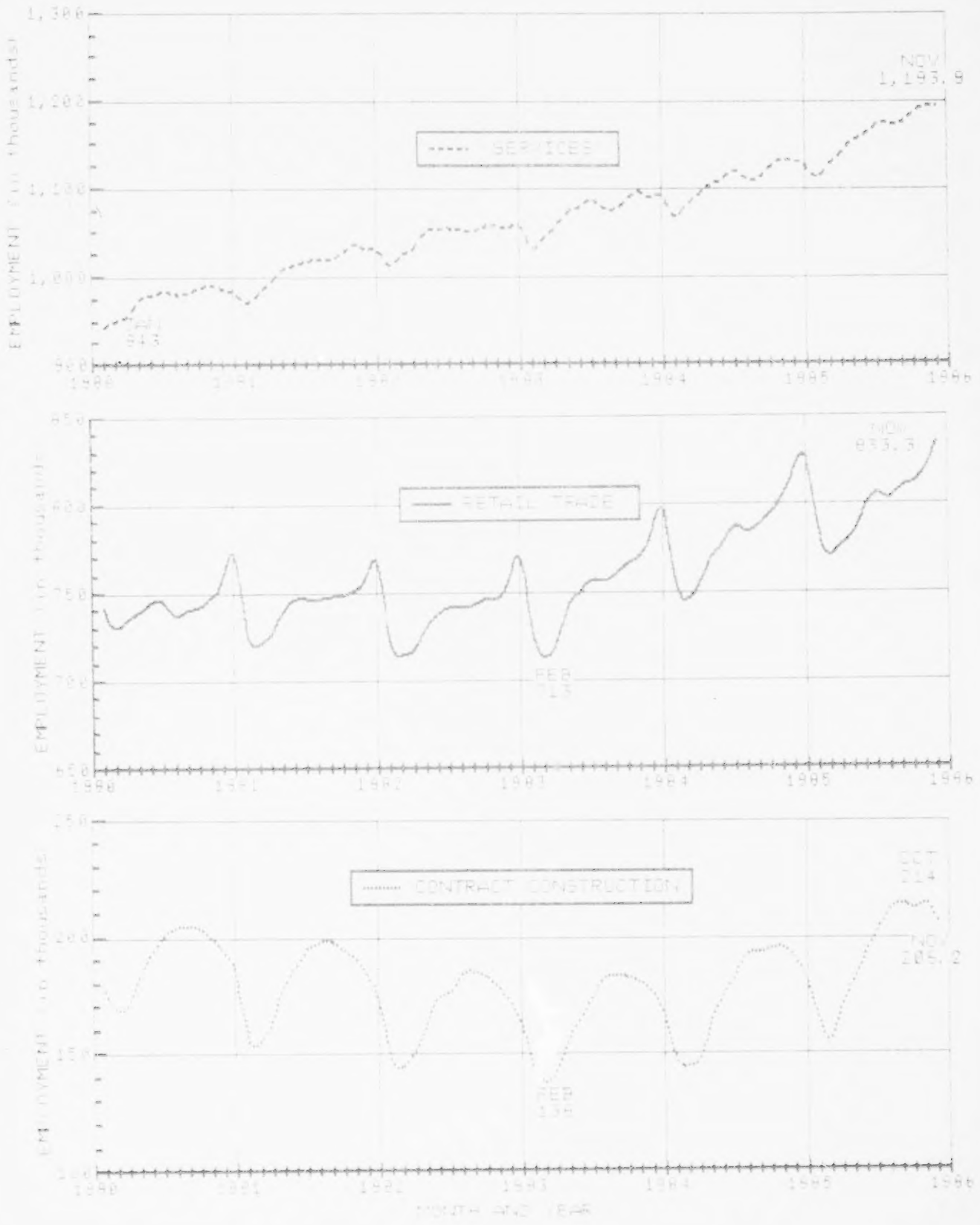

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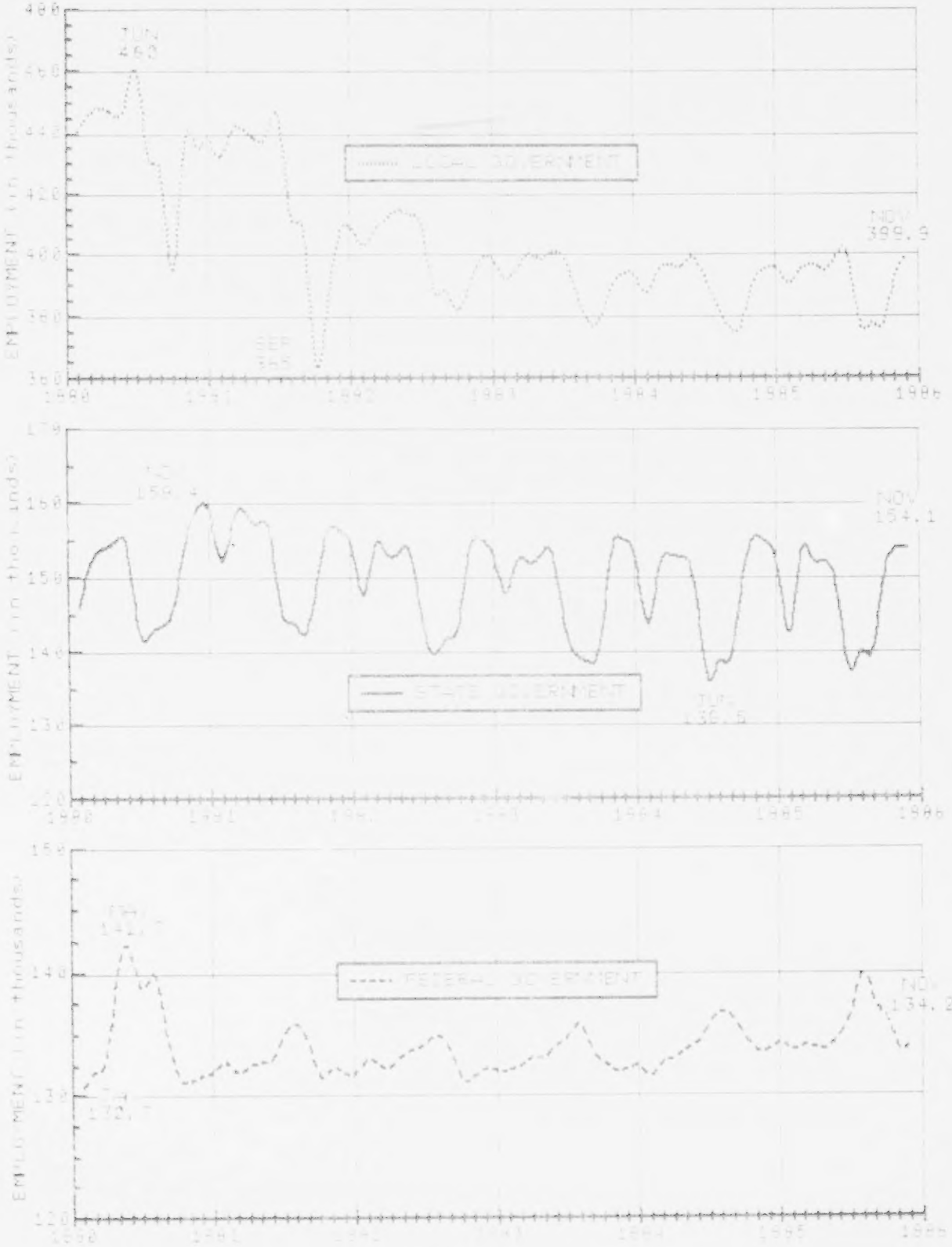

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